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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM TERRELL TO
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MR. VLADLEN S. VERESHCHETIN
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DEAR MR. VERESHCHETIN:

I AM WRITING TO CLEAR UP A MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE
SOVIET VISITS MARCH 13-24, 1978 TO THE LUNAR AND PLANETARY

SCIENCE CONFERENCE, THE USGS CENTER FOR ASTROGEOLOGY,
CAL TECH AND THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY. WE ACCEPTED
THE SOVIET ACADEMY PREFERENCE, INDICATED BY AN INTERCOSMOS
REPRESENTATIVE TO AN AMERICAN EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER IN
MOSCOW ON MARCH 10, TO CONDUCT THE VISIT AT THE EXPENSE OF
THE SOVIET ACADEMY SINCE WE DID NOT WANT TO INTERFERE WITH
THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION ON MARCH 12. LAST
YEAR BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONDUCT THE SOVIET VISIT TO THE
LUNAR SCIENCE CONFERENCE AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS UNDER

THE SPACE AGREEMENT. WE FEEL THAT THESE VISITS FOR THE
EXCHANGE OF LUNAR AND PLANETARY INFORMATION AGAIN FALL
UNDER THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SPACE AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION,
THE US SPONSOR IS NASA, NOT NAS. THEREFORE, IT IS CLEARLY
A JWG ACTIVITY.

WHILE THESE VISITS ARE TAKING PLACE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE
SOVIET ACADEMY THIS TIME, WE SHOULD ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THIS QUESTION PRIOR TO ANOTHER
VISIT.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON THIS.

SINCERELY,

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